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PASS DR. ANCKER-JOHNSON (COMMERCE) AND DR. RICHARD ROBERTS (NBS)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TGEN, TECH, UR
SUBJECT: S AND T AGREEMENT: STANDARDS STANDARDIZATION

REF: STATE 95291

(U) 1. US-USSR COOPERATION IN FIELD OF STANDARDS AND STANDARDIZATION WAS DISCUSSED JULY FOUR AT MEETING WITH AYKAZYAN (SCST), E.L. NAER (DEP. CHIEF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTANDART), AND G.A. SAROKHIN (ASSISTANT TO NAER).

(U) 2. SOVIET WORKING GROUP IN THIS AREA IS COMPOSED OF:
B. N. LYAMIN (CHAIRMAN), CHIEF OF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTANDART;
V. I. KIPARENKO, DEP. CHIEF OF METROLOGY DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTANDART;
B. V. FEDIN, CHIEF OF METTALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTANDART.

(U) 3. AS EXPECTED, NAER SAID THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ARRANGE WORKING GROUP MEETING UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTEMBER, AND CERTAINLY NOT IN JULY AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. IN VIEW OF THIS, SOVIETS SUGGEST THAT WORKING GROUP MEETING BE HELD IN WASHING-TON RATHER THAN USSR, BECAUSE CHAIRMAN BOYTSOV, LYAMIN, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ABOUT FOUR OTHERS FROM GOSSTANDART WILL BE ATTENDING THE NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION (ISO) IN U.S. SEPT. 4-15, 1973. BOYTSOV PROPOSES THAT THIS OCCASION BE USED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH USDEL AND TO MAKE

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SITE VISITS IN U.S. SUCH VISITS WOULD HAVE TO BE PROGRAMMED AOUND ISO SCHEDULE, WHICH IS NOT YET KNOWN. BOYTSOV WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NBS (WASHINGTON AND BOULDER), ANSI, ASTM, AND PRIVATE FIRMS ENGAGED IN STANDARDS WORK. SOVDEL ARRIVING SEPT. SIX AND DEPARTING SEPT. 17 (FOR MEXICO). IF NBS ACCEPTS THIS PROPOSAL, BOYTSOV WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF HIS STAY IN U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (HE RETURNS FROM VACATION AUG. ONE). SCIATT POINTED OUT THAT, EVEN IF NBS ACCEPTS THIS PROPOSAL, IT WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR SOVDEL WITHOUT KNOWING WHICH FUNCTIONS OF ISO PROGRAM BOYTSOV WOULD WILL WANT TO PARTICIAPTE IN. NAER REPLIED THAT BOYTSO V WOULD RELY ON JUDEGMENT OF DR. ROBERTS ON THIS POINT AND THAT PERHAPS SOME FLEXIBILITY COULD BE BUILT INTO SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR STANDARDS COOPERATION ASPECT OF BOYTSOV VISIT. HE WOULD LIKE THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SOVIET PROPOSALS IN THEIR NEW "SHOPPING LIST" OF PROJECTS (SEE BELOW).

(U) 4. IF USDEL STILL WISHES TO PAY RETURN VISIT TO USSR, IT COULD BE ARRANGED TOWARD END OF OCTOBER, BEFORE SECOND SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION.

5. (LOU) IN COURSE OF MEETING, NAER TRANSMITTED LIST OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AND TOPICS THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY BOYTSOV AND GOSSTANDART FOR IMPLEMENTATION. SCIATT EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT BOTH THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS PROPOSED (ABOUT FIFTY) AND THE BROAD SCOPE OF TOPICS REPRESENTED. ACCORDING TO SOVIET PROPOSALS, IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL SHOULD BEGIN IN EARLY 1974. TOPICS INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS (A) COMPARISON OF STANDARDS (VOLT, ETC.), (B) OBTAINING GREATER PRECISION IN PHYSICAL CONSTANTS, (C) OBTAINING GREATER PRECISION IN PHYSICAL CONSTANTS, (C) STANDARDS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY, (D) QUALITY CONTROL IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, (E) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, (F) TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HARVESTING EQUIPMENT (COMBINES, ETC.), (G) MECHANIZATION OF LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT, (H) MINING STANDARDS, (I) DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA FOR JUDGING QUALITY
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OF STEEL AND OTHER METAL PRODUCTS, (K) BASIC METROLOGY, AND SO FORTH. ONLY ONE TOPICA WAS LISTED AS INVOLVING STANDARD REFERENCE DATA AND MATERIALS.
FOR ALL FIFTY PROJECTS, RESPONSIBLE US AND USSR ORGANI-ZATIONS ARE LISTED. FOR US SIDE, NBS, ASTM, AND ANSI ARE LISTED, DEPENDING ON SPECIFIC PROJECT. FROM SOVIET SIDE, IT IS ALWAYS GOSSTANDART OR ONE OF ITS AFFILIATED INSTITUTES. SCIATT STRESSED THAT U.S. SIDE HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT INSTITUTES OF SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MUST ALSO BE INVOLVED IN SOME AREAS OF COOPERATION IN ORDER FOR COOPERATION REALLY TO BE EFFECTIVE, PARTICULARLY INSTITUTE OF HIGH TEM-PERATURES. NAER GAVE STANDARD REPLY THAT THIS IS DIFTICULT BECAUSE ACADEMY IS NOT PART OF GOSSTANDART. AFTER SOME DIS-

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CUSSION, NAER CONCEDED THAT ACADEMY COULD BE DRAWN IN AS PARTICIPANT IN COOPERATION, BUT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE ON SOVIET SIDE OF WG. SCIATT SAID THAT US SIDE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS THIS POINT AGAIN LATER, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD ENQUIRE (AS REQUESTED BY NAER) AS TO WHICH SPECIFIC ACADEMY INSTITUTESS US SIDE WOULD WANT TO HAVE INCLUDED. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. (U) LIST OF PROPOSALS FROM SOVIET SIDE IS BEING POUCHED ATTN. DR. WALD, SCI/SA, REG. NO. 956817.

7. (U) SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO DISCUSS US-USSR COOPERATION IN STANDARDS, AND THE SEPTEMBER US VISIT OF BOYSTOV, WITH DR. BETSY ANCKER-JOHNSON DURING HER FORTHCOMING VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH PATENT MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING EXCHANGE. GOSSTANDART HAS PROPOSED A TWO-THREE HOUR SESSION WITH FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TKACHENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ISAYEV, AND DR. LYAMIN. IT ALSO HOPES SHE WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT ITS MENDELEYEV INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY TRANSLATING SOVIET SHOPPING LIST FOR DR. ANCKER-JOHNSON TO EXAMINE AFTER ARRIVAL, SINCE POUCHED COPY WILL PROBABLY NOT REACH DEPARTMENT BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DR. ANDKER-JOHNSON WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH SOVIETS AT THIS TIME.

8. (CONF) COMMENT: SOVIET SHOPPING LIST SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFULLY COMPOSED TO REFLECT PRIMARILY THOSE WEAK AREAS IN SOVIET INDUSTRY OR ECONOMY WHERE MORE HIGHLY ADVANCED US
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TECHNIQUES OR TECHNOLOGY COULD BE APPLIED TO SOVIET ADVANTAGE (INDUSTRIAL QUALITY CONTROL, MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNIQUES TO PREVENT HARVEST LOSSES, CONSULER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, ANTI-CORROSION STANDARDS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS FOR STANDARDIZATION IN FIELD OF NATURAL GAS AND METHODS OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORT UNDER VARIOUS CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, ETC.). EMBASSY IS NOT CERTAIN, BUT IDEA OF COOPERATION TO "MUTUAL ADVANTAGE" SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY OVERLOOKED. FURTHERMORE, AGRICULTURAL TOPICS WOULD SEEM TO FALL MORE LOGICALLY WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NEW US-USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT.
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